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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET					
SUBJECT: (Optional) History Program					
FROM: [Redacted]			EXTENSION	NO. 87-2025	
DA Information Review Officer				DATE 15 September 1987	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)	
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1. DDA 7D18 Hqs.	15 SEP 1987		WAD	<p>Bill,</p> <p>Attached is a copy of [Redacted] memo relating his conversation with the DDI concerning the Historical Review Program. I got Paul's permission to pass a copy of this to you so that you are aware of his conversation with the DDI. Additionally, as we have discussed, Paul's memo echos my own thoughts on this program. I am not sure that there is any series of records in the Agency that is truly responsive to this program, in terms of useable, releaseable, historical information. I think Paul is certainly right when he says we need to stand back and take a hard look at what we are doing. It may be that we need to go to Congress and say that we have tried, but it just does not work.</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>70-4</p>	
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

DI/FOIA Staff

SUBJECT:

DI Originated Material Selected for the
Historical Review Program

1. The DI/IRO and I met with the DDI, ADDI and the VC/NIC and discussed with them, among other things, the quantity and the nature of the DI originated material being selected for the HRP which is now awaiting DI review. It was concluded that there is no way we can eliminate the backlog of material awaiting review or keep up with the steady flow of boxes arriving from CRD without applying additional resources to the program. We were, however, told that additional resources would not be considered at this time nor in the future unless the criteria for selecting material was reevaluated. It is the opinion of DI management that much of the material now being selected is of little if any historical significance. The Central Intelligence Bulletin, for example, was cited as a DI product that was probably not read by policy makers nor did it play a role in the formulation of US policy. Furthermore, they opined that the release of the daily CIB for any length of time was certainly not in the best interests of the national security of the US. While individual copies of the CIB could be satisfactorily sanitized for release, a complete set for any given block of time would/could reveal too much about our intelligence interests, concerns and capabilities. The same holds true for any of the other serialized publications produced by the DI. Collectively, the sanitized copies become classified; a situation often encountered when reviewing material requested under the FOIA.

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2. For purposes of this memo, I merely cite the CIB as an example of the kind of material the DI does not believe meets the criteria for a meaningful HRP. There is of course other DI produced material in the review queue that we may not consider suitable for the program. I intend therefore, following guidance provided by DI management, to return to you those boxes that contain material that is considered to be of questionable value.

3. You should not infer from this action that the DI is opposed to the concept of an HRP as discussed in the correspondence between former director Casey and Senator Durenburger. On the contrary, the DI is more than willing to do whatever is necessary to support a meaningful and useful program. What we do object to is applying resources to the review of a large mass of material that is a) of questionable historical value and b) collectively, even though sanitized, poses a potential threat to the national security of the US. The concerns that are now surfacing are being raised by individuals who were not directly involved when the program was initiated but whose opinions must now be taken into account; especially in view of the fact that if there is going to be an HRP in the CIA the full cooperation of the DI is paramount.

4. I suggest therefore that at this time we need to stand back and take a hard look at what we are doing. It seems on the surface that we are applying valuable resources to a program that more closely resembles the former systematic review program than a carefully crafted, preferably event oriented, Historical Review Program.

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